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New U.S. Patent Application

Title: **CARCASS STRUCTURE FOR VEHICLE-WHEEL TYRES AND ITS  
METHOD OF MANUFACTURING** being a Continuation of PCT International  
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/EP99/07963, filed on October 20, 1999, which claimed priority of European Patent Application No. 98830661.9, filed on October 30, 1998, and of US Provisional Application No. 60/114,157, filed December 29, 1998.

1. Application - 38 pages, including 4 independent claims and 58 claims total (as amended).
2. Preliminary Amendment, including Appendix to Preliminary Amendment Dated April 27, 2001, and abstract of the Disclosure (1 page).
3. Drawings - 7 sheets of formal drawings containing 16 figures.
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Applicant claims the right to priority based on European Patent Application No. 98830661.9, filed on October 30, 1998 and the benefit of US Provisional Application No. 60/114,157, filed December 29, 1998.

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